

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 2135

Examiner: Klimach, Paula W.

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In re Application of: Boutros et al.

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ADDING AND UPDATING PROTOCOL  
INSPECTION KNOWLEDGE TO FIREWALL PROCESSING DURING RUNTIME

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND**  
**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated May 5, 2006, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.